

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the title as follows:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR [FRYING POTATO CHIPS AND RELATED]
SLICING FOODSTUFFS

Please insert on Page 1, after the Title and before the Background of the Invention, the following:

This application is a division of, and claims priority in, co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/554,345, filed September 18, 2000, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Please insert on Page 4a, line 31, the following Heading:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please insert on Page 5, line 13, the following Heading:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Please insert the following abstract:

A method and apparatus for slicing of foodstuffs is provided that has a rotatable disc with a radial slot, a knife blade projecting above the rotatable disc, an angled chute for conveying foodstuffs, and an orifice between the chute and the rotatable disc. The

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orifice has a shape that decreases in width in the direction of rotation of the rotatable disc.